GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:312
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2004
EARTHQUAKE MONITORING LABORATORIES
Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce earthquake monitoring laboratories in schools all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National School of Seismology Project (NASSP) has evolved strategies for handling the effects of earthquakes on people and infrastructure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED IN REPLY TO LOK SABH`S STARRED QUESTION NO. 312 FOR 22.12.2004 RAISED BY SHRI JASHUBHAI DHANABHAI BARAD REGARDING EARTHQUAKE MONITORING LABORATORIES`

(a) & (b): There is no proposal to introduce earthquake monitoring laboratories in schools all over the country. However, a pilot project on School Earthquake Monitoring Laboratories has been initiated covering 100 schools in seismic zones IV and V in NW Himalaya (Uttaranchal, Himachal Pradesh and J&K) and NE parts of India covering all the 7 States. This project forms an important part of the Mission Mode Project on Seismology, initiated by the Department of Science and Technology in the 10th Plan period. The project has been approved during the year 2004 at a total cost of Rs. 4.0 crores. The process of identification of schools, in consultation with State Education Departments, has already been initiated. Order for procurement of the required instruments has already been placed. A training programme has also been firmed up with the help of experts for the students/science teachers.

(c): There is no project on National School of Seismology.

(d): Does not arise.